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Title: PROCESS FOR FORMING
AN OXIDE LAYER OF NON-
UNIFORM THICKNESS ON
THE SURFACE OF A
SILICON SUBSTRATE

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 21, 2003

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 21, 2003 (Paper No. 15), please amend the above-specified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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